

Meeting of the Heating Advisory Committee on October 18, 2006

Members present: Kevin Bayley, Omer Beaudoin, Andy Bernier, Bob Garside, Bob Ives, Al Little, Bob Lundergan, Kevin Pratt, Ken Taylor

Deputy Fire Marshal Rob Farley gave an excellent presentation on the suggested minimum hours of class room instruction for each of the specialty licenses. The committee discussed this in detail and came up with the following recommendations for the minimum hours of classroom instruction:

Gas piping installer	min. 48 hours
Liquefied propane gas installation technician	min. 72 hours
Liquefied propane gas installation technician holding a gas piping installer license	min. 24 hours
Natural gas installation technician	min. 72 hours
Natural gas installation technician holding a gas piping installer license	min. 24 hours
Liquefied propane gas service technician	min. 96 hours
Liquefied propane gas service technician holding a gas piping installer license	min. 48 hours
Natural gas service technician	min. 96 hours
Natural gas service technician holding a gas piping installer license	min. 48 hours

The committee suggested the following changes to the rules after some discussion.

1 Move the approved training programs for each specialty license from the rules to the appendix. This would make it easier to add training programs as they are approved.

2 Make sure the provisional license is mentioned under each specialty license.

3 Add an “in training” license to each specialty license section.

4 Add an equivalency to each specialty license section for current experienced technicians. The equivalency should require 4,000 hours of experience relevant to the educational requirements listed in the rules. Proof of these hours should be verified by

affidavit. This will allow the person to take a test. Establish a cut off date for equivalency.

Rob Farley also asked if committee members would establish a matrix comparing the gas licenses of Mass., Maine, N.Y., Conn., and Vt. with our specialty licenses. This way a clerk in the Fire Marshal's Office could easily process applications from gas license holders from these states by understanding which licenses were equivalent. Ken Taylor, and Bob Ives volunteered. Ken also said he would ask Lyndon Rickards to work with them.